

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Diggs Copper Mine (site)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1 1/4 miles south of Middleburg on Johnsville Road not for publication

city, town Middlesburg vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll Couty Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-11

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

see #8. Significance

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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8. Significance

HISTORY:

Whereas John Diggs by his humble petition to this present (Sept. 21-Oct. 29, 1742) General Assembly hath set forth that he hath undertaken a copper work wick if it should succeed will not only be of advantage to him but also to the public and forasmuch in order to carry on so considerable a work it will be absolutely necessary for him to import or otherwise to retain in his service a great number of experienced workmen so that he must unavoidably be at a bast expense before he can bring such work to any tolerable perfection so as to reap any benefit terefrom wherefore for his better encouragement be it enacted by the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and consent of his Lordship Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the authority of the same that all such workmen and laborers as shall be by him constantly employed in the carrying on of such useful and beneficiary work or works shall be exempt from paying of levies for the term of seven years provided the number of such workmen as shall be levyfree shall not exceed fifty taxable persons; and whereas the making of copper or raising copper ore within this province will be advantageous to the trade of Great Britton as well as beneficial to the inhabitants of Maryland. Be it enacted by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid that no laboring person who shall be employed in the carrying on of the aforesaid copper work or works or in providing any materials of any sort, nature or kind soever for the furtherance and carrying on the same, be obliged in clearing or assist in clearing of their own works or service in the military or be obliged to attend at any training or musters except upon very extraordinary occasions provided such laboring persons shall not be at any time employed in the working of tobacco, corn or other grains or other planters work."

In view of the fact that very little land in this general area was owned at that time, and very few settlers were in this vicinity it is reasonably safe to presume that this was the first copper mine undertaken in this general area.

(The above-mentioned copper mine was recently located by Dr. Arthur G. Tracey in the course of extensive research on the old Digges Wagon Road . . . This article is the first in a series of hitherto unpublished documents which the Society plans to issue from time to time.)"

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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